



# Ralph Gray Trucking Co. Superfund Site

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## U.S. EPA PROPOSES TO DELETE SITE FROM SUPERFUND LIST

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) is proposing to delete the Ralph Gray Trucking Company Superfund Site, located in Westminster, California, from the National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL is the nationwide list of hazardous waste sites which have been identified for cleanup under the federal Superfund program. Deleting the site from the NPL means that the cleanup of contamination has been completed. If new information becomes available which indicates a need for further action, EPA may initiate further cleanup activities.

### Site Description and History

The Ralph Gray Trucking Company Site (Site) is located in a residential neighborhood of Westminster, California. This neighborhood, also known as Westminster Tract Number 2633, is located north of the San Diego freeway (I-405) and is bounded by the Orange County flood control channel to the south, Goldenwest Avenue to the west, the U.S. Navy railroad (abandoned) to the north, and Chestnut Street to the east. The area to the west of the site is residential and the other surrounding areas are used for light industrial and commercial activities.

During the 1930's, Ralph Gray Trucking Company disposed of acid sludge, oil field wastes, and oil refinery wastes in unlined pits at the Site. After disposal operations ceased, the pits were abandoned and remained undisturbed until the late 1950's when the Hintz Development Corporation moved the wastes during the construction of homes at the Site. Hintz moved the wastes to two unlined trenches which became the backyards of the homes along Kathy and Allen Streets and along the flood control channel. Based on soil and groundwater sampling, EPA determined that the waste posed a health risk to the community and initiated cleanup of the waste by placing the Site on the NPL in October 1992. EPA completed removal of the waste in February 1997.

EPA conducted groundwater sampling in 1999 and soil sampling in April 2000 and determined that no further cleanup was needed at the Site. In April 2003, EPA properly abandoned the groundwater monitoring wells in preparation for deleting the Site from the NPL.

### Public Comment

EPA will publish an official notice of this proposed deletion in the Federal Register ([www.gpoaccess.gov/fr](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr)) on July 30, 2004, which starts a 30-day public comment period. If EPA receives no adverse comments, the Site will be deleted from the NPL 30 days after the close of the comment period. Comments may be mailed to Don Hodge, Community Involvement Coordinator, U.S. EPA Region IX (SFD-3), 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

# Information Repository

Additional information concerning Superfund activities at the Ralph Gray Trucking Company Site, including the information supporting the delisting decision, is available for review at:

**Westminster Public Library**

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U.S. EPA Region 9 Superfund site Web page:  
**<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r9/sfund/overview.nsf>**